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SUBJECT: SURVIVABILITY OF NATO HEADQUARTERS

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1. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW THE TEXT OF A LETTER DATED JULY 16, 1975  
TO DCM MR STREATROR FROM ACTING-SECRETARY GENERAL PANSO ON ABOVE  
SUBJECT: BEGIN TEXT:

SG(UT)362  
COST-EFFECTIVENESS STUDY ON THE SURVIVABILITY  
OF THE NATO HEADQUARTERS

DEAR MR. STREATROR,

YOU WILL HAVE SEEN THE LETTER DATED 13TH JUNE (1)  
I HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEES  
RECAPITULATING THE AGREEMENT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEES IN  
JOINT SESSION ON 28TH APRIL THAT:  
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A. THE COSTS OF THE ENVISAGED COST-EFFECTIVENESS  
STUDY ON THE SURVIVABILITY OF THE NATO HEAD-  
QUARTERS CAN BE CONSIDERED AS ELIGIBLE IN PRIN-  
CIPLE FOR INPUTATION TO THE BUDGET OF THE NATO

INTERNATIONAL STAFF/SECRETARIAT;

(B) IN THE EVENT OF THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS STUDY BEING APPROVED, ITS IMPLEMENTATION SHOULD BE DEPENDENT ON PRIOR EXAMINATION OF REFINED COST ESTIMATES BASED ON MAXIMUM USE OF IN-HOUSE EXPERTISE, WHERE THIS PROVES TO BE FEASIBLE AND ECONOMICAL, AND APPROVAL OF CREDITS".

YOU WILL ALSO DOUBTLESS BE AWARE THAT, AT ITS LAST MEETING ON 28TH OCOTBER, 1975, THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE SIRVIVABILITY OF THE NATO HEADQUARTERS UNDDER MY CHAIRMAN SHIO AGREED (2) ON THE FOLLOWING PROGRMME OF WORK:

FIRST-TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER FUNDS COLD BE OBTAINED FROM INFRASTRUCTURE SOURCES(3)

SECOND-ASSUMNG THAT SUCH FUNDS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE, TO DECIDE UPON THE PARAMETERS OF THE STUDY;

THIRD-TO OBTAIN THE AGREEMENT REPRESENTATIVES TO PROCEED WITH THE STUDY.

IT IS MY BELIEF THAT, SUBJECT TO THE QUALIFICATIONS LAID DOWN BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEES IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE, WE HAVE NOW REACHED THE STAGE IN OUR WORK PROGRAMME SET OUT IN THE SECOND SUB-PARAGRAPH OF PARABRAPH 2 ABOVE. THIS REQUIRES THAT WE NOW PROCEED TO ESTABLISH THE PARAMETERS OF THE STUDY, I NEED NOT RECALL THAT, IN THE VARIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON THE SIRVIVABILITY OF THE HEADQUARTERS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE TO DATE, THE MAJORITY OF NATIONS HAVE TENDED TO LEAN TOWARDS CONSIDERATION OF WHAT HAS COME TO BE KNOW AS THE "FIRST OPTION" - I.E., THE PROVISION OF SOME FORM OF PROTECTION AT EVERE.

THE UNITED STATES, HOWEVER, HAS TAKEN THE VIEW THAT  
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ANOTHER OPTION SUCH AS RELOCATION OR THE DESIGNATION OF A "STANDBY REDUNDANT COUNCIL" WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO PROTECT-  
ION AT EVERE.

I BELIEVE IT WILL NOW BE NECESSARY TO ATTEMPT SOME RE-  
FINEMENT OF TTHE OPTIONS OPEN TO US IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE  
PARAMETERS OF THE PROPOSED COST-EFFECTIVENESS STUDY. I WOULD  
THEREFORE BE MOST GRATEFUL IF THE UNITED STATES COULD OFFER  
SOME FURTHER ELABORATION OF ITS VIEWS ON THIS MATTER.

IF THIS COMMENDS ITSELF TO YOU, I WOULD PROPOSE TO  
PUT THESE VIEWS TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE IN PARALEL WITH SOME  
DRAFT GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS RELATING TO THE "FIRST OPTION"  
TO BE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF.

I AM COPYING THIS LETTER TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE  
AD HOC COMMITTEE . YOURS SINCERELY, P. PANSA CEDRONIO

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(1) AC/292-N(75)  
(2) AC/292-DS(74)4, ITEM I(D)  
(3) IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED BY CORRESPONDENCE THAT THIS  
QUESTION SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE CIVIL AND MILITARY  
BUDGET COMMITTEES. SEE, NOTABLY, MY SG(75)91.

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END TEXT

2. WE NOTE THAT IN HIS THIRD PARAGRAPH PANSA "ASSUMES  
THAT SUCH FUNDS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE" WHEREAS NO FUNDING  
DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN BEYOND AGREEMENT THAT IT WOULD BE THE  
CIVIL BUDGET COMMITTEE WHICH CONSIDERS THE REQUEST--THAT IS  
WHAT WE UNDERSTAND BY "ELIGIBLE IN PRINCIPLE FOR IMPUTATION TO  
THE BUDGET OF THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF SECRETARIALAT".

3. FURTHER MISSION COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTEL.

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